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FOPM PTO-1390 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES 55023-150 DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) **CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371** U.S. APPLIC. NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 9/936436INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED MARCH 15, 2000 MARCH 15, 1999 PCT/JP00/01586 April 13, 1999 Juen 22, 1999 TITLE OF INVENTION IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE, IMAGE PROCESSING, METHOD, AND RECORDED MEDIUM APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US TATSUMI WATANABE, YASUHIRO KUWAHARA, AND AKIO KOJIMA Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2.____ This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. \boxtimes This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1). Ţ, \boxtimes A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date. \boxtimes A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). has been transmitted by the International Bureau. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US) A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
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b. have been transmitted by the International Bureau have been transmitted by the International Bureau. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendment has NOT expired. C. have not been made and will not be made. 8. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. \boxtimes An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included: 11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. \boxtimes 12. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. A FIRST preliminary amendment. A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. 14. A substitute specification. 15. A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. 16. X Other items or information. International Preliminary Examination Report International Search Report prepared by the Japanse Patent Office First Page of Published International Application



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